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America's PrepareAthon! is a grassroots campaign for action to better prepare people for emergencies that could strike their communities. Easy-to-use tools empower families, organizations, and communities to prepare for many common hazards, including earthquakes, floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, wildfires, and winter storms.

[Be Smart](#) **Know what to do** to be safe and mitigate or lessen the damage;

[Take Part](#) **Take action** to increase their preparedness; and

[Prepare](#) **Participate** in community resilience planning and preparedness.

Year round, millions of Americans participate in America's PrepareAthon!. But twice a year, a national day of action, called National PrepareAthon! Day, focuses attention on the importance of creating a more resilient community by **TAKING PREPAREDNESS ACTION**.

In the spring, it takes place on APRIL 30. In the fall, National PrepareAthon! Day takes place on September 30 in conjunction with National Preparedness Month.

PREPAREDNESS MATTERS

When people prepare and practice for an emergency **in advance of the event**, it makes a real difference in their ability to take immediate and informed action. This enables them to recover more quickly.

Preparedness in the Community

America's PrepareAthon! calls on all communities to practice preparedness actions now and throughout the year for the types of emergencies that could strike their area. Being prepared for disasters is a shared responsibility. It takes all of us working together to effectively prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies and disasters.

Preparedness in the Workplace

Participation in America's PrepareAthon! helps limit a disaster's impact on your business, including loss of life, injury, financial loss, property damage, and lost productivity from missed work. The longer it takes local businesses to recover, the longer it takes communities to bounce back.

Know Your Hazards - Preparedness

takes action! Learn more about hazards which can affect your community and ways you can take action to

prepare and participate.



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KNOW YOUR HAZARDS

EARTHQUAKE

Earthquakes can occur suddenly and be deadly. Most earthquake-related casualties result from collapsing walls, flying glass, and falling objects.



WHAT- An earthquake is the sudden, rapid shaking of the earth, caused by the breaking and shifting of subterranean rock as it releases strain that has accumulated over a long time. Initial mild shaking may

strengthen and become extremely violent within seconds.

WHERE- Earthquakes happen along cracks in the earth's surface, called fault lines, and can be felt over large areas. All 50 states and 5 U.S. territories are at some risk for earthquakes.

WHEN- Earthquakes can happen at any time of the year and occur without warning, although they usually last less than one minute. Earthquakes cannot be predicted — although scientists are working on it!

FLOOD

Flooding is the most common natural disaster in the United States and can happen anywhere. Take steps now so that you can act quickly when you, your home, or your business is in danger.



WHAT- Flooding is an overflowing of water onto land that is normally dry. Flooding may happen with only a few inches of water, or it may cover a house to the rooftop.

WHERE- Flooding can happen in any U.S. state or territory. It is particularly important to be prepared for flooding if you live in a low-lying area near a body of water, such as near a river, stream, or culvert; along a coast; or downstream from a dam or levee.

WHEN- Flooding can occur during every season, but some areas of the country are at greater risk at certain times of the year. Coastal areas are at greater risk for flooding during hurricane season (i.e., June to November), while the Midwest is more at risk in the spring and during heavy summer rains. Even the deserts of the Southwest are at risk during the late summer monsoon season.

WILDFIRE

Wildfires can occur anywhere and can destroy homes, businesses, infrastructure, natural resources, and agriculture



WHAT- A wildfire is an unplanned, unwanted fire burning in a natural area, such as a forest, grassland, or prairie. As building development expands into these areas, homes and businesses may be situated in or near areas susceptible

to wildfires. This is called the wildland urban interface.

WHERE Wildfires can occur anywhere in the country. They can start in remote wilderness areas, in national parks, or even in your back yard. Wildfires can start from natural causes, such as lightning, but most are caused by humans, either accidentally—from cigarettes, campfires, or outdoor burning—or intentionally.

WHEN Wildfires can occur at any time throughout the year, but the potential is always higher during periods with little or no rainfall, which make brush, grass, and trees dry and burn more easily. High winds can also contribute to spreading the fire. Your community may have a designated wildfire season when the risk is particularly high.

Source: So Be Smart. Take Part. Prepare. Register now to participate in America's PrepareAthon! and provide details about the activities you're planning. Share the steps you are taking to get yourself and your community prepared. Visit www.ready.gov/prepare for more information!

CERT ADV. TRAINING - SANDBAGGING

On Wed. Jan 20, CERT Instructors- FIRE CAPT. JOHN PEURIFOY, PETER SELLAS & GINA PEREZ provided training on how to fill sandbags safely and efficiently and how they should be stacked to provide the

best protection. Sandbags filled by CERT Volunteers will be available for incidents that occur in our city,

THANKS TO

ALL CERT MEMBERS WHO ATTENDED AND FILLED OVER 82 BAGS IN 15 MINUTES!
LOTS OF SAND BAGS!

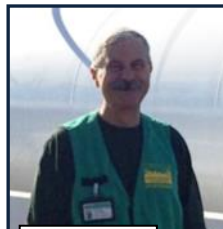


CERT SANDBAG FILLING STATIONS PROJECT

On JAN 5-7, CERT VOLUNTEERS, Joe Hamlin, Greg Crouch, Linda & Larry Burn, Larry Hernandez, Al Palacio, Neil von Koehe, Vince Rosse, Maria Egbert, Tom Ham, Kimberly Patterson assisted the Office of Emergency Management with the Sandbag Project. CERT Volunteer tasks included monitoring the sand and sandbags for inventory, notifying public works when running low on inventory, reminding customers of the 20 bag limit and other helpful tasks as needed. **Thanks for a job well done!**



KIMBERLY



VINCE



MARIA



JOE



NEIL



AL



GREG



TOM



LARRY



LINDA & LARRY

CONGRATULATIONS RIVERSIDE CITY EMPLOYEES CERT CLASS # 63 FEB 2016



ALPHABETICAL ORDER: **Christiane Amat, Edward Amezcua, Summer Ayala, John Baker, Salina Bernardino, Alan Bosia, Mercedes Daems, Valerie Driskill, Robert Eland, Garrett Erwin, Nancy Garcia, Diane Howard, Mark Lovell, Ernest Marquez, Byron Mayhan, Robert Miechowicz, Mark Otjen, Helen Perez, Lori Price, Apolinar Ramos, Ariele Ray, Patricia Roberts, Todd Solomon, James Twerion, Ryan Tyro**

Thanks "VICTIMS": Brenda Gonzales, Sharon Hedges, Steve Lafond, Mary McDaniel, Kaye Powley, Tracie Wilczynski
CERT Instructors: Fire Capt. John Peurifoy, Emergency Services Administrator Tony Coletta, Firefighter Wayne Hess, Fire Captain Lisa Holloway, K-9 Handler Peter Sellas, CERT Program Manager Gina Perez



CERT Incident Commander Apolinar Ramos provides a status report to Fire Personnel



Nancy Garcia & Patricia Roberts triage and tag victims James Twerion & Mercedes Daems with the 30-2-can't do method



Ernest Marquez & Alan Bosia use the PASS System to extinguish the Fire



CERT - RED CROSS SHELTER OPERATIONS

American
Red Cross

On Jan. 23, CERT Volunteers were trained in RED CROSS SHELTER OPERATIONS

CERT Members; ANDREA PRICE, ANNA HAULDREN, ALYSIA WEBB, CATHERINE HENDON, DEBBIE GONZALEZ, KAY DIEHL, LARRY HERNANDEZ, MARLENE ODELBRALSKI, MARY MCDANIEL, MARY VAN DOREN attended a training session sponsored by the Red Cross Riverside Chapter at the Corona Fire Dept.

Training Center. The One Day Red Cross disaster training event provides the skills needed to qualify volunteers to support seasonal shelter operations in the area should the need arise.

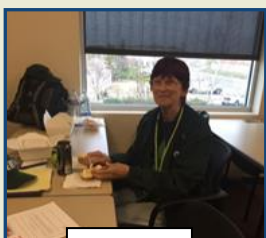
THANK YOU CERT VOLUNTEERS FOR TAKING THE TIME TO LEARN NEW SKILLS!



Mary V



Mary M, Anna , Debbie



Kay



Alysia

CERT ADV. TRAINING - ACTIVE SHOOTER

On Feb 17, CERT Advanced Training topic was Active Shooter Community Awareness was presented by Riverside Police Department

Lt. Russ Shubert, Detective Michael Bucy and Officer Daniel Baird. They gave an excellent presentation on options that you have to survive an "Active Shooter" situation. We watched a video that helped reinforce the mes-

sage of trusting your instincts and taking action to protect yourself to survive. You have 3 options RUN-HIDE-FIGHT Run: Can you safely escape? Hide: Is there a good place to hide? Fight: Will you take out the shooter? This was good info that will be helpful while at work, shopping or helping at a community event.

THANK YOU TO RIVERSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND TO EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED, WE HAD A FULL HOUSE!





In Jan, the City of Riverside El Nino was expected to bring heavy rains and flooding to Southern California, officials in the Inland Empire wanted people to get people ready. Office of Emergency Management Staff conducted interviews to the media informing the community on resources available to assist residents that included a new website dedicated to EL NINO with current real time information.



CERT Volunteers helped to count & deliver empty sandbags to the City Fire Stations, staffed Sandbag Filling Stations and with other tasks as needed. Great Teamwork!



CERT ADV. TRAINING - WILDERNESS SEARCHES

On March 26, CERT Advanced Training topic was Wilderness Search Basics instructed by Firefighter Wayne Hess & K-9 Search Specialist Peter Sellas both members of the Urban Search & Rescue Team and Gina Perez CERT Prog. Mngr assisted.

The Training was held off site at Martha McClean Anza Narrows Park. Training involved a

Search for 2 "lost brothers and their dog." 2 CERT Search Teams were deployed and a Medical Team was established. The outdoor search also incorporated Radio Communication with the Command Post. The Exercise concluded with a successful rescue of both victims and their dog "Blue." The training helped to emphasize the im-

portance of Safety,

First, Last and Always!

SPECIAL THANKS TO

RIVERSIDE FIRE EX-

PLORERS "VICTIMS"

TIM SANCHEZ & JUSTIN VILLA AND

TO THE GREAT INSTRUCTORS! GOOD TEAM WORK CERT!



Explorers: TIM & JUSTIN





Promoting Preparedness in Riverside

On Jan 30. Community Preparedness Coord. **Gina Perez** and CERT Volunteers, **LINDA BURN, LARRY BURN, MARK DEL MAR, SUSAN EWALD, DEBBIE GONZALEZ, GLEN JENSEN, KAREN JENSEN,**

MARGO MILEY, RICHARD OLQUIN, SHANI PYNN, CATHY SAINZ, ROBIN & NEIL VON KOEHE, ALYSIA WEBB., participated in the Asian Pacific Lunar Festival. Volunteers encouraged others to be Riverside Ready and explained how to turn



Susan, Neil, Robin, Margo, Cathy

off utilities in an emergency & recruited people to sign up for the CERT Basic course academy.



Debbie, Mark, Shani, Alysia, Karen



Shani, Gina, Mark

American Heart
Association



CERT CPR & AED CERTIFICATION

On SAT. FEB 20, 2016 CITY OF RIVERSIDE FIRE CERT VOLUNTEERS RECEIVED Adult, Child and Infant -CPR & AED CERTIFICATION BY FIRE CAPT. JOHN

PEURIFOY ASSISTED BY CERT PROGRAM MANAGER GINA PEREZ. This Certification is offered to CERT Volunteers who are active in the RIVERSIDE CERT program by volunteering for activations and special assignments throughout the year.

Congratulations
to CERT
Members;

Mark Del Mar,

Kay Diehl, John Doucet, Susan Ewald, Lorena Jana, Karen Jensen, Margo Miley, Richard Olquin, David Sparks, Neil von Koehe, Robin von Koehe, and Alysia Webb.

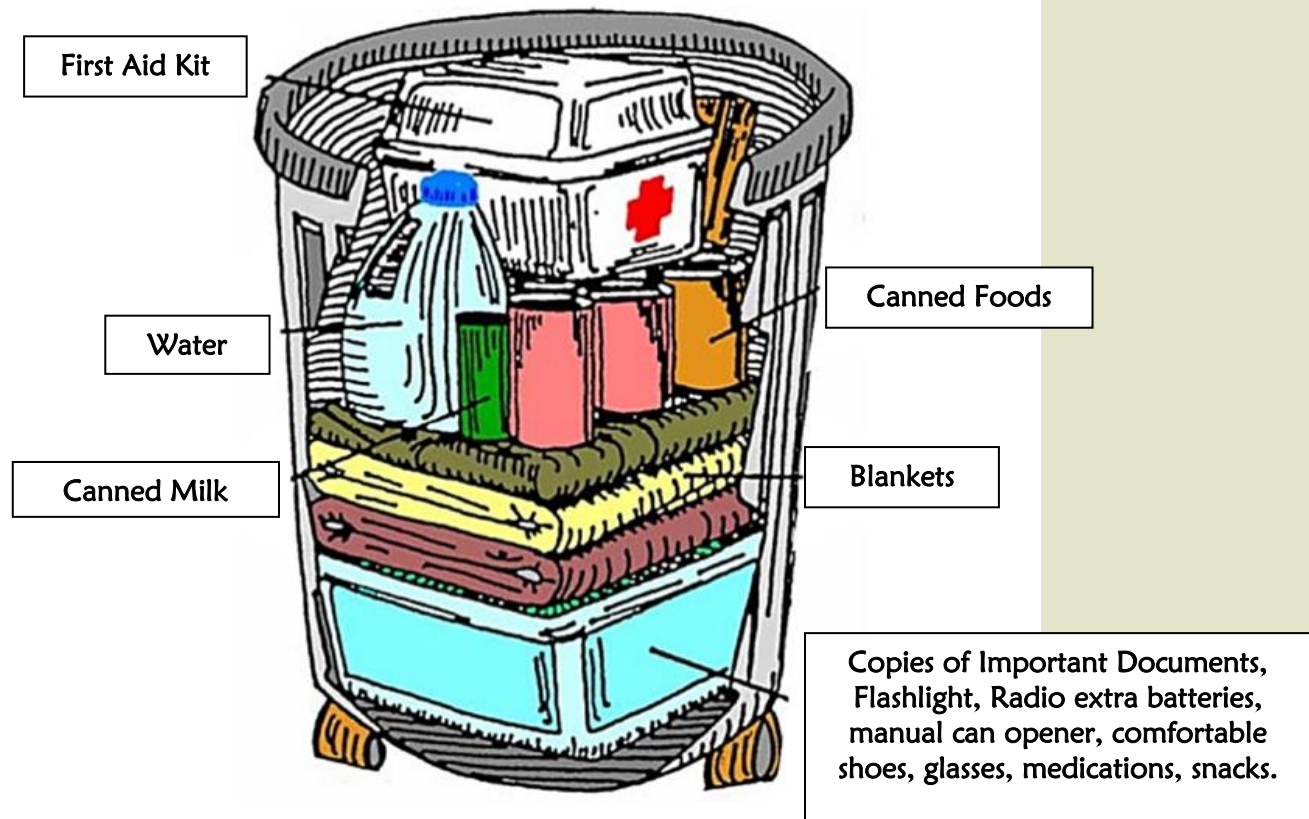


HOME EMERGENCY SUPPLIES STORAGE

Some families prefer to store their emergency supplies in one location.

When storing supplies in one container you should...

- ♦ Choose a place in your home, which would be relatively safe in time of an earthquake (such as a closet, under a bed or in the garage).
- ♦ The perishable supplies will remain stable longer if stored in a cool, dark location. One suggested method for storing emergency supplies is to place them in a large, covered trash container.
- ♦ They can be layered as shown and all kept together in the large covered container. Plastic containers come in all shapes and sizes. They're water and rodent proof and are fairly durable.
- ♦ Choose the size that suits your needs. Be sure the container comes with a securing lid and preferably on wheels for easy transport.



***Note:** It is best to store plastic water containers on top of the contents rather than on the bottom, where they could possibly crack and leak from the weight heavy objects placed on top of them.

For more information on emergency preparedness visit: www.readyriverside.com

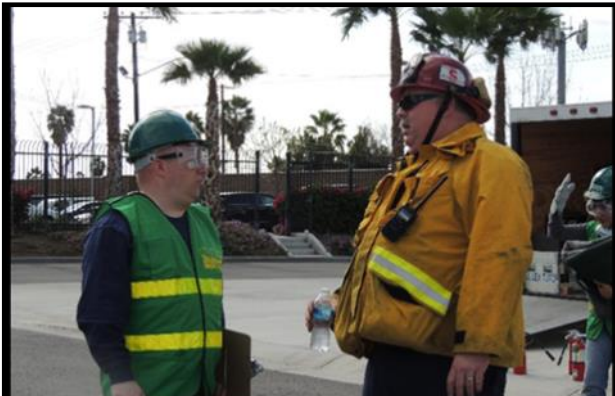
CONGRATULATIONS CERT CLASS # 64 MARCH 2016



ALPHABETICAL ORDER: **Gary Cavender, Christina Chidley, Arturo Dassow, Katrina Dimacali, Valerie Elagouz, Sothea He, Tanner Megna, Scott Megna, Dominic Molina, Daymeond Molina, Anita Nava, Rosabella Perez, Barry Queen, Richmond Pajela, Nelson Romero, Michelle Trpcevski, Armida Vargas, William Wolff, Diane Wolff, Krisden Wyatt**

Thanks "VICTIMS": Kim Sabatello, Vince Rosse, Dave Sparks, Alysia Webb, Carol Crouch, Greg Crouch, Julie Lindsay, Matt Fuller

CERT Instructors: Fire Captain John Peurifoy, Emergency Services Administrator Tony Coletta, Firefighter Wayne Hess, Fire Captain Lisa Holloway, CERT Program Manger Gina Perez



CERT Incident Commander Gary Cavender provides a status report to Capt. Peurifoy



Arturo Dassow & Michelle Trpcevski demonstrate how to lift victim safely



William & Diane Wolff use the PASS System to extinguish the Fire

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www.citizencorps.gov

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SAVE THE DATE: CERT ACTIVITIES AND CLASSES

Community Emergency Response Team 20-Hour Basic Course Training APRIL 2016 CERT

Riverside Fire EOC Training Center
Dates: • April 29, Fri. 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
• April 30, Sat. 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
• May 1, Sun. 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Must attend all dates for

FEMA Certificate & CERT BACKPACK
Course fee \$15.00. Online Registration at:
[http://riversideca.gov/fire/
specialprograms/cert/forms/
CertRegisterTrainingBasic.aspx](http://riversideca.gov/fire/specialprograms/cert/forms/CertRegisterTrainingBasic.aspx)

CERT ADVANCED TRAINING RIVERSIDE CERT Members Only

CERT Adv. Training
TRIAGE & DISASTER FIRST AID
APRIL 13, Wed. 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Riverside Fire EOC Training Center

CERT Adv. Training - TEAM ORG/ ICS
MAY 11, Wed. 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Riverside Fire EOC Training Center

CERT Adv. Training -
RADIO COMMUNICATIONS
JUNE 15, Wed. 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Riverside Fire EOC Training Center
Register online for CERT Adv. Trainings
[www.riversideca.gov/readyriverside/
cert/](http://www.riversideca.gov/readyriverside/cert/)

CERT Volunteers Needed RIVERSIDE AIRPORT AIRSHOW

SATURDAY APRIL 2, 2016
6951 Flight Rd. Riverside, CA 92504
Help with Staffing a CERT/ Emerg Prepbooth
- **SHIFTS FULL THANKS!**
~~Shift #1 7:00 am to 10:00 am~~
~~Shift #2 10:00 am to 1:00 pm~~
~~Shift #3 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm~~

CINCO DE MAYO FIESTA HEALTH FAIR - VILLEGAS PARK

SATURDAY MAY 7, 2016
3091 Esperanza, Riverside, CA 92504
Help with Staffing a CERT/ Emerg Prepbooth
SHIFT 1 FULL - 9:00 am - 11:30 am
SHIFT 2 - 11:30 am - 2:00 pm

To volunteer contact Gina Perez
directly at : gperez@riversideca.gov

April 2016

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May 2016

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June 2016

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IMPORTANT

Have you moved or changed your email address or phone number?

Give us a call (951.320.8112) or send
Gina Perez an email
(gperez@riversideca.gov) and update
your contact information.

